

Let's Talk About It at Davie County Public Library

Davie County Public Library has enjoyed a long history of Let's Talk About It programming. Below is a listing of LTAI themes and books that we have explored over the years.

2013: Divergent Cultures – the Middle East in Literature

- Reading Lolita in Tehran
- Palace Walk
- A Perfect Peace
- Three Cups of Tea
- Nine Parts of Desire

2012: Making Sense of the Civil War

- March by Geraldine Brooks
- Crossroads of Freedom: Antietam by James McPherson
- America's War, a new anthology of historical fiction, diaries, memoirs, and short stories, ed. Edward L. Ayers.

2011: Altered Landscapes: North Carolina's Changing World

- Salt: A Novel by Isabel Zuber
- Garden Spells by Sarah Addison Allen
- If You Want Me To Stay by Michael Parker
- Blood Done Sign My Name: A True Story by Timothy Tyson
- Plant Life: A Novel by Pamela Duncan

2010: Law and Literature: The Eva R. Rubin Series

- Billy Budd & Other Stories by Herman Melville
- The Tragedy of Pudd'nhead Wilson by Mark Twain
- A Lesson Before Dying by Ernest Gaines
- Snow Falling on Cedars by David Guterson
- The Emperor of Ocean Park by Stephen Carter

2009: Discovering the Literary South: The Louis D. Rubin, Jr. Series

- Gap Creek: The Story of a Marriage by Robert Morgan
- A Virtuous Woman by Kaye Gibbons
- The Jew Store by Stella Suberman
- Clover by Dori Sanders
- The Coal Tattoo: A Novel by Silas House

2008: Family: the Way We Were, the Way We Are

- This House of Sky by Ivan Doig
- Raisin in the Sun by Lorraine Hansberry and The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams
- Ordinary People by Judith Guest
- Points of View: an Anthology of Short Stories ed. James Moffett
- During the Reign of the Queen of Persia by Joan Chase

2007: A Reader's Feast

- Natural History of the Senses by Diane Ackerman

- Art of Eating by MFK Fisher
- Mistress of Spices by Chitra Divkaruni
- Chocolat by Joanne Harris
- Literary Feasts by Sean Brand

2006: How Folk Life Crafts Our Literature, Lives and Communities

- A Tree Accurst by Dan Patterson
- Nowhere Else on Earth by Josephine Humphrey
- Uncommon Clay by Margaret Maron
- Somerset Homecoming by Dorothy Spruill Redford
- From Cambodia to Greensboro: Tracing the Journeys of New North Carolinians by Barbara Lau

2005: Journeys Across Time and Place: Mapping Southern Identities

- Shiloh and Other Stories by Bobbie Ann Mason
- The Known World by Edward P. Jones
- Nowhere Else on Earth by Josephine Humphreys
- Wolf Whistle by Lewis Nordan
- Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison

2004: The Many Voices of Latino Literature

- In the Time of the Butterflies by Julia Alvarez
- Dreaming in Cuban by Cristina García
- Daughter of Fortune: A Novel by Isabel Allende
- Of Love and Other Demons by Gabriel Garcia Marquez
- When I Was Puerto Rican by Esmeralda Santiago

2003: Mad Women in the Attic

- Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte
- Wide Sargasso Sea by Jean Rhys
- The Yellow Wallpaper by Charlotte Perkins Gilman
- Sula by Toni Morrison
- Surfacing by Margaret Atwood

2002: Working: Making a Living, Making a Life in America

- Growing Up by Russell Baker
- Death of a Salesman by Arthur Miller
- The Professor's House by Willa Cather
- Working by Studs Terkel
- Confessions of an Advertising Man by David Ogilvy

2001: Tar Heel Fiction: Stories of Home

- Raney by Clyde Edgerton
- Oral History by Lee Smith
- A Visitation of Spirits by Randall Kenan
- Ferris Beach by Jill McCorkle
- I Am One of You Forever by Fred Chappell

2000: Exploring the American West . . . Whose West?

- Legacy of Conquest: The Unbroken Past of the American West by Patricia Limerick

- Angle of Repose by Wallace Stegner
- Reservation Blues by Sherman Alexie
- Last Refuge: The Environmental Showdown in the American West by Jim Robbins
- On Gold Mountain: The 100-Year Odyssey of a Chinese-American Family by Lisa See

1999: Not for Children Only

- The Classic Fairy Tales by Iona and Peter Opie and Tatterhood and Other Tales
- Little Women by Louisa May Alcott
- The Wind in the Willows by Kenneth Grahame
- Charlotte's Web by E. B. White
- Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson
- Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry by Mildred Taylor
- I Am The Cheese by Robert Cormier

1998: Science Fiction and Fantasy

- Space Merchants by Frederick Pohl and C.M. Hornbluth
- Stranger in a Strange Land by Robert Heinlein
- 1984 by George Orwell
- Left Hand of Darkness by Ursula Le Guin
- Dune by Frank Herbert

1997: Destruction or Redemption: Images of Romantic Love

- Madame Bovary by Gustave Flaubert
- The French Lieutenant's Woman by John Fowles
- The End of the Affair by Graham Greene
- Morgan's Passing by Anne Tyler
- A Mother and Two Daughters by Gail Godwin

1996: Faith Differences, Different Faiths

- The Company of Women by Mary Gordan
- The Chosen by Chaim Potok
- The Color Purple by Alice Walker
- Ceremony by Leslie Marmon Silko
- A Prayer for Owen Meany by John Irving

1995: Mysteries: Clues to Who We Are

- Dance Hall of the Dead by Tony Hillerman
- Time's Witness by Michael Malone
- Blind Man With A Pistol by Chester Himes
- Burn Marks by Sara Paretsky
- The Butcher's Theatre by Jonathan Kellerman

1994: Rebirth of A Nation: Nationalism and the Civil War

- Two Roads to Sumter by William and Bruce Catton
- Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe
- Ordeal by Fire by James M. McPherson
- Reconstruction: After the Civil War by John Hope Franklin
- The Private Mary Chesnut: the Unpublished War Diaries ed. C. Vann Woodard

1993: Tar Heel Fiction

- The Marrow of Tradition by Charles Chesnutt
- Look Homeward, Angel by Thomas Wolfe
- The Winter People by John Ehle
- Mustian by Reynolds Price
- The River to Pickle Beach by Doris Betts

1992: The Journey Inward: Women's Autobiography

- One Writer's Beginnings by Eudora Welty
- Letters of a Woman Homesteader by Elinore Pruitt Stewart
- Dust Tracks on a Road by Zora Neale Hurston
- An American Childhood by Annie Dillard
- West with the Night by Beryl Markham

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